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MINUTES  
OF THE  
NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
TIPPAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,  
HELD WITH  
BLUE MOUNTAIN CHURCH,  
TIPPAH COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

September 23d, 24th and 26th, 1881.

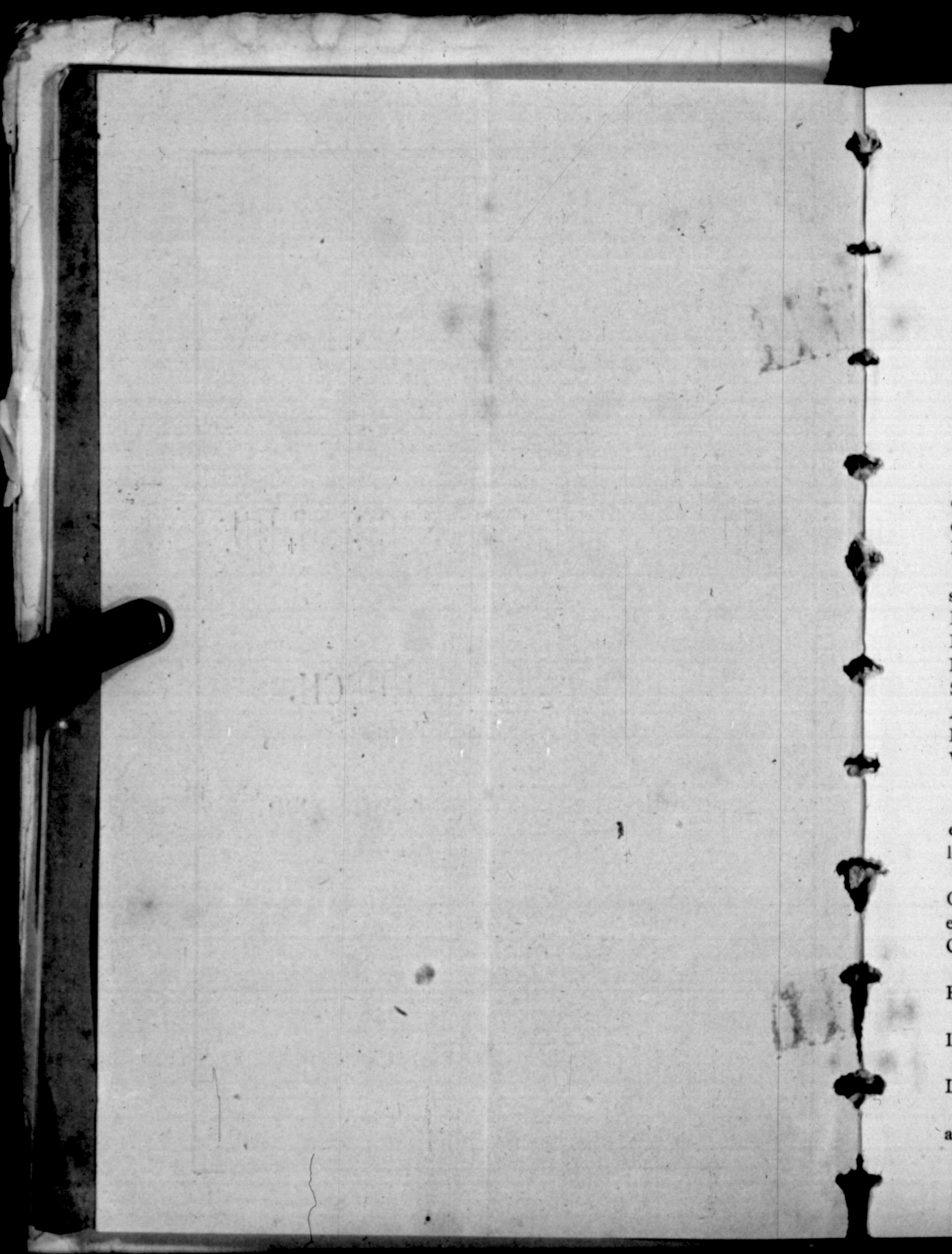
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ELD. L. BALL, *Moderator.*  
W. O. RUTHERFORD, *Clerk.*  
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# MINUTES.

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THE TIPPAAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION held its Nineteenth Session with Blue Mountain Church, Commencing, Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1881. The introductory Sermon was preached by Elder L. T. Ray, from Romans—10 : 13. 14. 15.

An intermission was given 1½ hours.

## EVENING SESSION.

The Moderator, Elder M. P. Lowrey, in the Chair. W. O. Rutherford, Clerk. The Association opened by reading Romans 12th chap. Prayer by Elder Isaac Smith. Bro. Thomas Spight and W. H. M. Durham, reading Clerks.

Letters were read from the following churches and delegates seated: Acedemy, Antioch, Beulah, Bethlehem, Curtis Creek, Blue Mountain, Chewalla, Canaan, Central, Clear Creek, Falkner, Fellowship, Flat Rock, New Prospect, Mount Moriah, Harmony, New Bethel, New Hope, Oaklimetah, Pleasant Ridge, Prescott Springs, Providence, Ripley, Unity, Shady Grove, Pine Grove, Ashland, Pleasant Hill, (Ben). Bro. W. W. Taylor, seated from Pleasant Hill, Tippah, (without letter) Elder L. T. Ray, Bro. I. W. Hollis and O. F. Ray from Union Church without letter.

## CALL FOR PETITIONARY LETTERS.

Bluff Springs, (Benton County) presented a letter; read, received and delegates came forward and received the right hand of fellowship.

The Association proceeded to permanent organization. Elder G. W. Potter and Elder J. S. Berry, conducted election; resulted in electing Elder L. Ball, Moderator, and Bro. W. O. Rutherford, Clerk, and Bro. J. J. Guyton, Treasurer. Elder L. Ball in the Chair.

Proceeded to appoint Committee on Devotional Exercises.—Elder M. P. Lowrey, Bros. J. H. Buchanan, J. M. McDonald.

Committee on Order of Business.—Elder L. T. Ray, W. D. Lancaster and J. M. Murphy.

Committee on Foreign Missions.—Elder W. E. Berry, Bro. E. L. Farr, and W. J. Barrett.

On Domestic Missions.—Eldder L. T. Ray, J. J. Shackelford, and M. C. Selph.



Committee on Educations.—Elder M. P. Lowrey, Bro. B. T. Kimbrough, and J. H. Buchanan.

Committee on Publication.—Elder H. L. Finley, J. Finch Ray, and F. Norris.

Committee on Sunday Schools.—Elder J. D. Morton, Elder E. L. Wesson, and Bro. J. J. Guyton.

Committee on Finance.—Bro. J. B. Fuller, N. B. Hix, and D. E. McCollum.

Committee on Home Missions.—Bro. W. H. M. Durham, (Chairman) Elder W. D. Lancaster, and Elder J. D. Morton.

Call for Correspondence from sister Associations.—Elder A. G. Parrott, and Bro. J. W. Justice from Big Hatchie—Elder J. S. Berry, Elder J. F. Harris, and Elder W. Henderson from Tishomingo. Oxford, Judson, Unity and Coldwater,—none.

Chickasaw.—Elder Isaac Smith, D. E. Gambrell, J. Mc. C. Tucker, W. A. Fank. N. M. Berry, Elder G. W. Potter, A. J. Gaines, R. H. Pickens, Elder W. L. Farmer, A. J. Marshall, D. B. Fitzpatrick, and J. T. Swain.

Ripley (col.) Baptist Association.—Elder W. S. Guyton, presented a letter read; and the delegates seated.

#### STATE MISSION BOARD.

Elder A. H. Booth, and Elder H. L. Finley. Report on State Mission Board set for 10 o'clock Saturday a. m.

Adjourned to 8½ o'clock Saturday—Prayer by Elder J. S. Berry.

### SATURDAY.

Met according to adjournment. Opened by singing and prayer. The Moderator declared the body ready for business.

Report of Committee on Order of Business Read and adopted, as follows:

1. Read Constitution, Abstract of Faith, and rules of Decorum.
2. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
3. Call for reports.
4. Appoint Correspondence.
5. Elect Executive Board.
6. Appoint the place for the next Association.
7. Elect a Brother to preach the Introductory Sermon.
8. Miscellaneous bussiness.
9. Call the roll and mark absentees.

L. T. RAY, *Chairman.*



The Constitution, Abstract of Faith and Rules of Decorum read,  
by Eld. L. T. Ray,

Visiting brethren invited to seats.

Call for a report on Foreign Missions, made a special order for  
3 o'clock p. m.

Call for reports on Education and Publication—not ready.

Call for Bro. J. W. Justice, of Memphis, to address the Association, responded.

Call for report on Publication, read by Eld. H. L. Finley. Addresses by Eld. J. B. Gambrell, Eld. M. P. Lowrey, Bro. J. M. Murphy, and Bro. J. W. Justice. Adopted.

#### REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Writing makes a correct man, Speabing makes a ready man, Reading makes a full man. Hence we see how important it is for people to read. Admit that the Bible is the most important publication that we have, and we find that there is a lack of Bibles in some houses in our country, and we are painfully impressed that many fail to read the Holy Scriptures as they ought. Your committee recommend that more attention be given, both to distributing, and reading this blessed revelation. In addition we most heartily recommend the "Baptist Record," published at Jackson, Miss., and edited by our esteemed brother, Eld. J. B. Gambrell. This is our "State Organ," and should be in every family. We also mention the "Baptist" as a sound Baptist paper, and worthy of patronage. "The Foreign Mission Journal," and "Kind Words" should be widely circulated as a source of information and instruction on Missions and Sunday Schools.

H. L. FINLEY, *Chairman Committee.*

Report on Domestic Missions, called for, and read by Eld. L. T. Ray. Adopted. Addresses by Eld. M. P. Lowrey, and Eld. J. B. Gambrell.

By Missions as here used, we mean "Sending the Gospel," where it is not. The Gospel is the power of God unto Salvation to all who believe. Without it there is assuredly no Salvation. From these facts we see the indispensable work of Missions. Every individual ought to have the Gospel. But there is destitution even in our own bounds. Doubtless the cause will suffer for lack of workers. This destitution will be given in the Report of the Executive Committee. Again we call attention to the Mississippi Valley where the fields are ripe unto the harvest, also the Gulf Coast, much of which is without the Gospel. New Orleans, the Rome of the South, lies within our fields.

There are thousands of souls perishing for the bread of life. Especially would we call attention to the efforts being made to give the Gospel, in its purity to the Colored race, which is beyond doubt a great work. To supply this destitution, our churches

must come boldly to the front. To develop the churches is mainly the work of the pastor. It may be aided by many individuals, and in various ways, but it is the duty of the pastor to go before the people. We repeat what has been said before, "Like priest, like people." Again we recommend co-operation with the State Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. RAY, *Chairman.*

Adjourned for preaching, Eld. G. W. Potter preached from the 84th Psalm—11th verse.

Opened evening session 2 o'clock. Prayer by Eld. A. H. Booth. Eld. Booth made an address, and proceeded to make collection for Domestic Mission, which resulted at the time to \$57.70 in cash, and pledged by 1st day of next March \$176.00. The following pledges made to be paid by the first day of March next.

Chewalla Church.....	\$10 00	Flat Rock Church.....	5 00
Unity Church.....	5 00	Central Church.....	2 50
Canaan Church.....	5 00	Academy Church.....	15 00
Fellowship Church.....	50 00	Elder W. E. Berry.....	10 00
Mt. Moriah Church.....	10 00	Elder L. Ball.....	10 00
Pleasant Hill Church (Tippah).....	10 00	Elder H. L. Finley.....	5 00
Ashland Church.....	5 00	Sister Owens.....	1 00
Providence Church.....	5 00	Sister Eugene Smith be pd in 1 y.....	5 00
Antioch Church.....	2 50	Bro. R. O. Smith, be pd in 1 y.....	5 00
Beulah Church.....	5 00	Elder M. P. Lowrey, be pd 1 y.....	10 00
		Cash same time.....	57 70
Total.....			\$233 70

#### MONDAY—8:30 A. M.

Opened by singing and prayer. Prayer by Elder L. Ball.

Received and read a letter from Union Church.

Suspended the Order of Business to appoint Corresponding Delegates, as follows:

*To Big Hatchie Association* at Brownsville, Tenn, fourth Sunday in July, 1882—Elder E. Winds, Elder L. T. Ray, Elder L. Ball, Elder M. P. Lowrey.

*To Tishomingo*—meets at Corinth, embracing the first Sunday in October, 1881—Elder M. P. Lowrey, Elder W. D. Lancaster, Bro. J. M. Murphy, Elder L. F. Ray, Elder H. L. Finley.

*To Oxford*—meets second Sunday in September, 1882—Elder H. L. Finley, Elder W. E. Berry, Elder L. Ball.

*To Judson*—meets at Pilgrim's Rest, seven miles west of Saltillo, second Sunday in September, 1882—Bro. J. M. Murphy, J. A. Skinner.

*To Unity*—meets three miles northwest of Saulsbury, Tenn.—Bro. J. M. Murphy, D. D. Foster, J. A. Foster, G. W. Floyd.

*To Coldwater*—meets west of Waterford, third Sunday in October, 1881—Elder M. P. Lowrey, Elder J. D. Morton, Brother T. E. Buchanan, J. A. Skinner.

*To Chickasaw*—meets at Shiloh Church, near Lafayette Springs, third Sunday in September, 1882—Elder W. D. Lancaster, Elder W. E. Berry, Elder L. T. Ray, Elder L. Ball, Elder H. L. Finley, Brother S. R. Whitten, Brother C. G. Baker, Brother L. Legett, Brother A. L. Collins, Brother D. C. West, Elder E. L. Wesson.

*To Ripley (colored)*—meets 1882—Elder M. P. Lowrey, Elder L. P. Cossitt.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Elder W. E. Berry. Addresses by Elder W. E. Berry, Elder L. Ball, Elder J. B. Gambrell, Elder L. T. Ray, Elder J. S. Berry, Elder M. P. Lowrey, and Elder A. G. Parrott, of Tennessee. Report adopted.

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To carry forward the great work of Missions is the chief work of the church. For this purpose it was organized, and for this purpose the Association holds its annual meetings. Although the work is one, for the sake of convenience we divide it into various departments.

By *Foreign Missions* is meant the work of sending the gospel to foreign lands.

It is with pleasure that we report an encouraging progress in this great enterprise. The opposition once felt in our churches is gradually giving away, and a continued increase of interest is taking the place of former opposition. Difficulties that once stood in the way are now removed. By the providence of God every nation of the globe is now open to the gospel. These circumstances should impress the Saviour's last commission "*go teach all nations.*"

The rapid increase of interest, the increase of the number who are willing to go as Missionaries, and the great increase of converts from year to year to the religion of Christ are facts of encouragement, and should awaken in our hearts the profoundest gratitude to God for the blessings that attend our labors.

Dr. Tupper in the last Journal says: "Our board has had trouble enough of late, but the cheering indications are more than a silver lining to the cloud. Tidings come from Brazil that our missionary, Bayley, is in the midst of a remarkable revival in which seventeen souls have professed conversion. In October a missionary party will sail for China: One will go to Mexico, another applies to join Bro. Bayley in Brazil. Three well qualified ladies apply for appointments, one of these will go. One brother goes to be sustained by an Association in Georgia." Others are anxiously waiting to go. The question is put to the church "*Shall they be sent?*" The cry for the gospel comes to us from every heathen nation. Shall they have it? It has been intrusted to us, and we owe



it to the perishing nations to give them the Bread of Life. We owe it to our Master to obey his commands. "If ye love me said he, "ye will do whatsoever I have commanded you." His last great command was "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" Let us as Christian people, obey this command. May the time soon come when "the nations of the earth shall become the Kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ."

Respectfully submitted, W. E. BERRY, *Chairman.*

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schcols, submit the following report: We regard Sunday Schools, properly conducted, as the nursery of the church, and the grandest work of the church. Outside of the preaching of the Gospel. The work because it implants the principle of the Gospel in the minds of the rising generation, and therefore they are better prepared to secure the Word as it comes from the pulpit; it is grand, because, that it not only is of benefit to the young, but it improves the old also. We would therefore recommend the same steps to be taken by this body to stimulate the Sunday School spirit in all of our churches, for there is a deplorable want of this spirit in many of them.

Respectfully submitted, J. D. MORTON, *Chairman.*

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The spirit of missions is the spirit of Christ. The great work lying out before us to-day is the evangelization of the world. The "Go ye" into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, places an important obligation upon all to labor in the "vineyard of the Lord." The "go" in the great commission is addressed to each one of us, to the Baptist of the Tippah Association, brethren, do we go into all the world?, or do we only go to the destitute of our own State, and occassionly step beyond and pass over to the Foreign field. This we do to some degree, and it is well; but there is intermediate teritory to be occupied. That portion of the vast field, the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is endeavoring to occupy. Brethren and sisters of Tippah Association, what have we done in this division of the work?

Have we not been remis? Yes, and the blessed Master in trumpet tones has spoken out to Southern Baptist, more particular to Mississippi Baptist, and, in a very signal manner to the Baptist of Tippah Association, by calling to labor in the Home Mission field, our own beloved sister Sanford. Oh! does he not say to us "go" to the Home Mission field, not only in the person of this devoted Sister, but through our contributions. This is a part of our work, and, in the opinion of your committee, as important as any other vow, now claiming the attention and efforts of this body.

Respectfully submitted, W. H. M. Durham, *Ch'mn.*

The following is the annual subscription as subscribed for the support of Sister Janie L. Sanford while she remains a missionary.

Sister M. M. Berry-----	\$ 5 00	Brother G. W. Shackelford-----	5 00
Sister C. S. Owens-----	1 00	Brother H. H. Ray-----	2 50
Sister M. J. Durham-----	2 50	Brother W. B. Baker-----	5 00
Sister M. N. Lowrey-----	1 00	Brother W. H. M. Durham-----	2 50
Sister P. M. Rutherford-----	5 00	Elder W. E. Berry-----	25 00
Sister Ella Berry-----	2 50	Elder W. D. Lancaster-----	5 00
Sister Ruth Burt-----	4 00	Brother J. H. Robinson-----	1 00
Sister Jimmie Duncan-----	1 00	Elder E. L. Wesson-----	2 00
Sister Lea Durham-----	2 50	J. J. Harrell-----	2 00
Sister Bettie Stroud-----	1 00	J. J. Scott-----	1 00
Sister Mollie L. Skinner-----	1 00	W. J. Gowdy-----	1 00
Sister V. L. McWilliams-----	5 00	W. A. Thomas-----	1 00
Sister A. C. Farr-----	1 00	J. J. White-----	1 00
Sister Cora Buchanan-----	1 00	Sallie Norman-----	1 00
Sister Birdie D. White-----	1 00	Nannie Marrett-----	1 00
Brother M. C. Selph-----	5 00	Abbie Owen-----	1 00
Brother J. E. Buchanan-----	5 00	J. A. Skinner-----	1 00

## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Very dear brethren, after some fruitless attempts in consequence of rainy weather, the Board met. After consultation, it was decided to continue to help the church at Falkner to the amount of \$50 00, and Elder L. Ball to serve them according to your resolution; who reports that he has continued to preach regularly since your last meeting to that faithful little band. The contest is hard against whisky and other influences. It is the opinion of your Board that help should be continued; and further, that one of their greatest needs is a house of worship of their own. Again, Elder L. Ball was employed to occupy a station which was located four miles west of Hickory Flat, at Wicker's school-house. He reports this quite a populous section, and destitute of Baptists and Baptist preaching. This is an inviting field, and should be occupied. It is believed that the foundation is laid for a successful work there. Besides regular monthly preaching, our missionary preached a week there; during which time the meeting became very interesting—a few conversions. The meeting would have continued had circumstances permitted.

Brother E. Winds was employed to occupy a station on or near the Charleston railroad, to be located by him and Brother Kimbrough. Lamar was selected. He occupied it until July, and reports twelve Baptists in that region who might be brought together. But thinks that three miles west of the railroad would be the place to organize.

There is much destitution in our western boundary. Starting at Hickory Flat, there are but two churches between there and Grand Junction, Tennessee. Again, in the northeastern portion of our territory there is considerable destitution. Say from Ripley to Canaan, there is no church. What shall be done for these fields? The calls made by the State Board are responded to with some liberality; the Foreign Mission Board does not call in vain. What shall be done for our neighboring communities? Shall we not be provoked by our success in former years, to labor on until churches are planted in every neighborhood in our bounds? The light of

that day in which sacrifices must be made, if this work of missions goes on. Brethren, let us for once make them. It is the opinion of your Board that it would require two missionaries, giving all their time to occupy the destitution; and would recommend the employment of one to devote his whole time to this work.

You are due for services in 1880, \$39 60; and for the past associational year, \$183 00. We have pledges amounting to \$37 75.

May the Lord direct you in securing a more efficient Board.

L. BALL, *Chairman*.

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee, beg leave to make the following report, and show the amount received from each church for Minutes:

Academy	\$3 00	Mt. Moriah	\$1 85
Ashland	2 50	New Prospect	75
Antioch	1 30	New Bethel	2 25
Bethlehem	1 30	New Hope	1 10
Bluff Springs	1 25	Oaklimetah	75
Blue Mountain	3 00	Pine Grove	50
Beulah	1 25	Pleasant Hill, Tippah county	1 00
Chewalla	2 00	Pleasant Hill, Benton county	1 50
Central	75	Pleasant Ridge	80
Curtis Creek	50	Providence	1 15
Canaan	2 15	Ripley	2 00
Clear Creek	3 25	Shady Grove	1 10
Fellowship	1 25	Union	3 00
Flat Rock	3 00	Unity	1 00
Harmony	1 50		

Total amount, \$48.55. Handed to the Clerk.

Respectfully submitted. J. B. FULLER, *Chairman*.

Proceeded to elect Executive Board. Elected Elder W. E. Berry, Chairman; H. H. Ray, B. T. Kimbrough and J. H. Buchanan,—the Treasurer being one also.

Antioch Church asked for a letter of dismission. Granted.

Roll called and absentees marked.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, That we tender our heartfelt thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for the faithful discharge of their duties.

*Resolved*, That we return our sincere thanks to the kind friends and brethren of this vicinity, and the ladies, especially, for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the Delegates, Messengers and visitors.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes of this Association, and he be allowed \$10; and that he have 500 copies printed, and if any money is not used, it be handed back to the Chairman of the Executive Board.

On motion, the Association adjourned, with best of feeling, to meet with the Ashland Church, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1882.

L. BALL, *Moderator*.

W. O. RUTHERFORD, *Clerk*.



## ORDAINED MINISTERS.

M. P. LOWREY, Blue Mountain, Miss.	H. H. SPENCER, Ashland, Miss.
L. BALL, Blue Mountain, Miss.	J. E. ROGERS, Ripley, Miss.
W. E. BERRY, Blue Mountain, Miss.	J. A. COOK, Pocahontas, Tenn.
L. P. COSSITT, Blue Mountain, Miss.	J. M. HORTON, Falkner, Miss.
W. D. LANCASTER, Silver Springs, Miss.	E. F. BROCK, Union Mills, Miss.
P. SKALLY, Silver Springs, Miss.	T. J. VALENTINE, Grand Junction, Tenn.
L. T. RAY, Blue Mountain, Miss.	E. S. FOSTER, U Bet, Tenn.
E. WINDS, Ashland, Miss.	C. REED, U Bet, Tenn.
M. GILLIAN, Ashland, Miss.	E. L. WESSON, Blue Mountain, Miss.
J. D. MORTON, Ashland, Miss.	J. T. COX, Ashland, Miss.
J. H. PRESCOTT, Ashland, Miss.	J. F. AUTRY, Ashland, Miss.
H. F. LIPFORD, Ashland, Miss.	

## LICENTIATES.

J. M. GOOLSBY, Blue Mountain, Miss.	W. B. MCKINSTRY, Dumas, Miss.
W. T. LOWREY, Blue Mountain, Miss.	D. C. WEST, Ashland, Miss.
D. L. FRAZIER, Beulah, Miss.	M. T. DAVIS, Falkner, Miss.
E. L. LANDERS, Dumas, Miss.	E. M. FLOYD, Ashland, Miss.
L. A. BELL, Dumas, Miss.	E. C. BROCK, Dumas, Miss.
CAM. HUNTER, Hickory Flat, Miss.	

## EXECUTIVE BOARD.

ELDER W. E. BERRY, Chairman.      J. J. GUYTON, Treasurer,  
H. H. RAY,      J. H. BUCHANAN,  
B. T. KIMBROUGH.

[This Board is *ex-officio* members of the next Association.]

# CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be called the TIPPAAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Art. 2. It shall be composed of persons who have been duly elected delegates by the respective churches belonging to this Union, and Moderator and Clerk and the Executive Board shall be *ex-officio* members of the next session.

Art. 3. The delegates representing the different churches shall, at the opening of each Association, present the letters specifying their appointments, and also showing the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored and dead during the year, together with the whole number in fellowship.

Art. 4. Every church belonging to this Body shall be entitled to three delegates until they number fifty members, and then one for each fifty over that number.

Art. 5. Churches of this Union failing to represent themselves for three successive meetings, shall be considered as dropped by this Association.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this Body, sigifying their wishes by letter and delegates, provided they be deemed orthodox and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.

Art. 7. This Body shall have a Moderator, Treasurer and Clerk, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting (by private ballot) so soon as letters from the churches are read and members' names enrolled.

Art. 8. This Body shall have no power to adopt rules that shall infringe upon the independence and rights of churches, yet it may drop such churches as become disorderly, either in doctrine or discipline.

Art. 9. This Body shall have a fund for its expenses, and churches may send up funds for Domestic and Foreign Missions, or for the Bible cause. This Association shall take charge of such funds and appropriate them as designated by the churches.

Art. 10. If a church have a difficulty with another church we advise her to take steps laid down in the 18th chapter of Matthew. And no difficulty between the churches will be entertained by this Body, unless such steps shall have been taken.

Art. 11. When churches of this Union have gifts they deem worthy of ordination, we advise them to call on sister churches for two or more ministers to set apart such gifts to the work of the gospel ministry, according to the New Testament; and we advise all Presbyteries in the ordination of ministers and deacons and constitution of churches, to be governed by the Abstracts of Principles of this Association.

Art. 12. This Association will correspond with sister Associations of the same faith and order.

Art. 13. The minutes of this Body shall be read and corrected

and sighed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises. No session shall adjourn, unless in extraordinary cases, until it has finished all of its business.

Art. 14. The Association shall have an Executive Board consisting of the Treasurer and four other members, who shall be chosen annually.

Art. 15. This Consttution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting, by a majority of two-thirds of the members present.

## ABSTRACTS OF FAITH.

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Article 1. We believe in one only living and true God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

Art. 2. We believe the Bible to be the word of God, and it is our only rule of faith and practice.

Art. 3. We believe in the total depravity of human nature, and that man is dead in trespasses and sin.

Art. 4. We believe that salvation is the gift of God by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and that sinners are justified in the sight of God a'one by the "imputed righteousness" of Jesus Christ, which is unto and with all them that believe.

Art. 5. We believe in the doctrine of Election—that God has from the beginning chosen us to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

Art. 6. We believe that the Holy Spirit accompanies the Word of God in the Salvation of man, in answer to the prayer of Christians.

Art. 7. We believe in the final perseverance of the saints, and that all who truly believe shall be eternally saved.

Art. 8. We believe that baptism is Immersion alone, and that none but true believers are proper subjects of the ordinance, and that none but regularly baptized and ordained ministers have a right to administer it, and that it is a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper, and all who come to the Lord's table must come according to the Lord's word.

Art. 9. We believe that a gospel church is a body of true believers in Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of their faith in Him, and that there are but two officers in the church, viz., the Elder or Pastor, and Deacon.

Art. 10. We believe it to be the duty of each church to extend and circulate the Word of God, as far as their means and ability will enable them.

Art. 11. We believe in the resurrection of the bodies of all men, and in a future and general judgment, and that the happiness of the righthous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.



## RULES OF ORDER.

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Article 1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present, by private ballot.

Art. 3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

Art. 4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak he shall call on some brother to take the chair.

Art. 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded, shall be open for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up, and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays; and if a call for a division be made, it shall be decided by the members rising.

Art. 6. Any member desiring to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or make personal reflections.

Art. 7. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject, until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

Art. 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be first decided before another shall be offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with consent of the mover and Association.

Art. 9. The Association shall, in all cases, be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches; then a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without sufficient cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.

Art. 10. The names of members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

Art. 11. The appellation of "brother" shall be used by the members in addressing each other.

Art. 12. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to be reproved by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

Art. 13. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority deem it necessary.

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	Days	Baptised	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dead.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Total
Academy.....	J J Guyton, W T Ratliff, J W Turner.....	M P Lowrey	Orizaba	1	35	13	5	1	13	7	83
Antioch.....	L Davis, H A Bynum, C P Duncan.....	P Skelly	Silver Spring	1	5	1	5	1	1	5	7
Ashland.....	J M McDonald, E Winds, J W Vaughan.....	L Ball	Ashland	1	98	5	1	1	1	1	73
Beulah.....	D McCollum, A L Collins, M W Darden.....	L P Cossitt	Beulah	1	8	2	2	1	1	1	72
Bethlehem.....	N B Hix, M Queen.....	M Gillian	Ashland	4	4						40
Bluest Hope.....	W D Lancaster.....	W D Lancaster		2	16	25					16
Blue Mountain.....	H T Webb, G R Whinnance, M Winborn, L Ball, M P Lowrey.....	M P Lowrey	Blue Mountain	2	4	4					108
Bluff Springs.....	I Y and F Rod, W Mitchell, Austin Westa.....	J D Morton	Ashland	3	3	1					24
Curtis Creek.....	W B Crawford, E M Floyd.....	E Winds	Ashland	3	1	1					15
Canaan.....	F M Barrett, J C Camble, J H Robinson.....	E Winds	Anaan	4	2	1					17
Chewalla.....	W M Vanderburg, E L Farr, J J Hairrell.....	L P Cossitt	Holly Springs	4	2	1					52
Clear Creek.....	G W Shackelford, M L Millican.....	L P Cossitt	Dumas	4	14	9					135
Central.....	M C Selph, J R Kooker, J W Thomas.....	J D Morton	Pine Grove	3	3	2					27
Falkner.....	B B Rutherford, J R Huggins.....	L Ball	Falkner	3	3	3					27
Fellowship.....	J W Hodges, Elihu Britt.....	W E Berry	Molino	3	11	1					125
Flat Rock.....	M Gadd, J B Tuller, J R Thompson, W O Rutherford, H Gould.....	L P Cossitt	Blue Mountain	3	3	9					28
Harmony.....	S J Hopkins, J M Murphy, J S King.....	E L Wesson	Walnut	2	5	2					74
Mr Moriah.....	L B Vancy, W M Starks, M R Starks.....	W E Berry	Ripley	2	5	2					33
New Prospect.....	G W Floyd, H F Hawkins.....	E L Wesson	Canaan	3	5	2					44
New Bethel.....	A Foster, W Park, S M Manning.....	L P Cossitt	U Bet, Tenn	3	13	4					100
New Hope.....	J H Barger, A J McDonald.....	L P Cossitt	Ashland	2	2	4					77
Oaklinetah.....	G Baker, L Leggett, M Morgan.....	J D Morton	Hickory Flat	1	1						56
Pine Grove.....	J L Crawford, A Kooker, Slim Kooker.....	J M Gray	Pine Cove	1	1						55
Pleasant Hill, Tip.....	W W Taylor, E Duncan.....	W E Berry	Lowrey	1	9	5					65
Pleasant Hill, Ben.....	D C West, F Norris, J D Morton.....	J D Morton	Ashland, Tenn	1	6	1					58
Pleasant Ridge.....	AD Burges, C C Shelly.....	E L Wesson	Salsbury	1	1	1					41
Providence.....	J D Smith, J M Wilbanks.....	E H Byrd	Falkner	1	8	1					70
Prescott's Springs.....	J F Sanders, H M Beaufield.....	E M Floyd	Ashland	2	4	8					29
Ripley.....	RE Whitten, N G Carter, J H Buchanan.....	L Ball	Ripley	1	2	1					41
Shady Grove.....	E Wesson, W C Spencer.....	E L Wesson	Ripley	4	4	4					75
Union.....	L T Ray, J H Hollis, O F Ray, H H Ray, J Finch Ray.....	M P Lowrey	Jonesboro	1	1	1					147
Unity.....	A Aldridge.....	D R Bryant	Grand Junction	2	2	2					25
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